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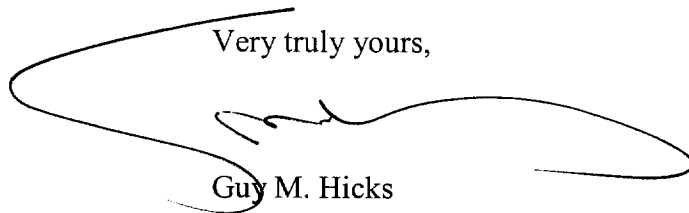
David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Petition for Arbitration of ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 99-00430

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This will confirm that the parties have agreed to extend the date by the which the Arbitrators must render their decision in this proceeding by 75 days. Ms. Nanette Edwards, counsel for DeltaCom, has authorized me to submit this letter on DeltaCom's behalf.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

cc: Don Baltimore, Esquire (via fax)
Nanette Edwards, Esquire (via fax)

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